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1. In Istanbul and in Maras people have been arrested whose connections with the Moslem Brotherhood could be proven, and of whom it was further established that directly or through cover organizations they received money for carrying out anti-government missions.
2. One of those arrested was Abdurrahman Zapsu, chief editor and publisher of the paper "Ehlisünnet Velvemast" and owner of a printing shop. Zapsu had been under suspicion for a long time of publishing his paper with the support of the Moslem Brotherhood and of maintaining connections with the Brotherhood through Cairo and Damascus. In Istanbul he had meetings on various occasions with two men, Naci Naim and Mahmet Dinnavi, who are known agents of the Moslem Brotherhood.
3. As a result of long watching the secret police were able to establish that Zapsu left Istanbul on 6 Aug 53 to go as a pilgrim to Mecca. He traveled with a company of pilgrims into which two secret police agents were introduced to watch him. Zapsu had conferences at every stopping place on Arab ground. In particular he delivered a document containing details of the statements of Necip Fazil, who is involved in the Malatya (Turkey) murder affair. Zapsu was kept under observation after his return because it was suspected that he had secret missions to carry out. He was arrested when he tried to send a report to Cairo under a cover name.
4. In Maras there has been a cleaning out of members of a central which had connections with the "Nurci" secret organization and with "Ilm Yayma Cemiyeti." About these organizations it is known that the head of the Nurci organization is Saidi Nursi, who is connected with the Moslem Brotherhood. He publishes a weekly newspaper called "Sozler Mecmuasi" and is suspected of extreme Leftist political orientation.

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5. Ilim Yayma Cemiyeti (Company for Disseminating Knowledge) is the cover name of an Arab secret organization which has as its purpose the establishment of secret schools to train Imams and preachers in all countries where the teaching of Arabic speech and writing is not allowed, and the support of these schools with funds.
6. Arrested in Maras were Ibrahim Gül, prayer-leader in a mosque; Fazli Aslantürk, Imam; Mehmet Saygili, professor for training Imams and preachers. In addition, 43 named families were found who regularly sent their children between the ages of seven and eleven to the secret school.
7. [REDACTED] Comment. One nest of this sort was cleaned out in Maras, but there are several hundred such central cells and hidden schools throughout Turkey.
8. "Kemalist People's Party." With the idea of averting a splitting-up and radicalization of party organizations, the government is sounding out among the people how far a "Kemalist People's Party" would meet with support. The basic idea is a collective unity party including the Democrats and Republicans, to prevent the splitting up of both parties, and stressing the Kemalist concept of the state. The stimulus to this survey of opinion proceeds from the Republican Party after its annual congress in Bayrakli had given signs that splintering influences were at work in the party which could benefit only the radical side. These separatist tendencies are especially active among the younger party members.

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